

INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER 37 CFR §1.133 AND MPEP §713.04

A telephonic interview in the above-referenced case was conducted on March 30, 2004 between Examiner Ting Zhou and Examiner John Cabeca and the Applicants' undersigned representative. The Office Action mailed on November 10, 2003 was discussed. Specifically, the rejections of claims 1-29 and the proposed amendments set forth herein were discussed with the intent to place the claims in better condition for allowance or appeal. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiners for their time and attention in this case.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 19, 22, 23, and 27-29 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-29 remain pending.

The Examiner objected to claim 5 as requiring punctuation to ensure grammatical accuracy. However, as discussed during the telephonic interview of March 30, 2004, Applicant submits that the punctuation of claim 5 is correct. There should not be a “,” between “tracking” and “viewing” in line 20 of claim 5 on page 26. “Viewing” is being used as a noun and not as a gerund.

The Examiner has rejected claims 19, 27, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §102. Further, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18, 20, 21-26, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. As amended, claim 1 recites “...tracking a genealogy of the digital media artifact including a history of the digital media artifact and collaborative user contributions.” Ludwig et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,617,539), Hanson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,865), and Knight (U.S. Patent No. 6,515,681) do not teach, suggest, or disclose the claimed invention, either individually or in combination. Thus, Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-8 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above. Further, as claims 19, 22, 23, and 27-29 are amended similarly to claim 1, Applicant submits that these claims are also allowable. As claims 20 and 21 depend from claim 19, these claims are allowable for the same reasons described above. Additionally, claims 24-26 depend from claim 23 and are also allowable for the same reasons stated above.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SKOKKA', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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